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Views On The New Invention.

The successful experiments which have been carried out in regard to the "rotor" system of wind-power drive for sea-going vessels are of particular interest to Hongkong in view of reports as to orders having been placed for boats fitted with the equipment to be placed on the Far Eastern trade run.

There would appear to be good ground for believing that the new invention will give an impetus to sailing vessel trading with the Far East, which appeared to die a natural death with the War and the increase in cost of freightage which succeeded it, but the "China Mail" gathers from enquiries made locally that there is little prospect of seeing "rotor" ships in Hongkong for at least some considerable time.

Nothing definite is to be gleaned from the local office of the Hamburg-American line as to actual orders having been placed by the head office in Shanghai for the installation of the rotor on ten new freighters for its Far Eastern trade. Reports to this effect, which have been given a measure of publicity, would appear to be a little premature in view of the present state of knowledge about the properties of "rotors."

It is the opinion of some shipping firm officials who have gone into the question in detail, however, that there are just grounds for the claim that has been put forward on behalf of the "rotor" that it is a considerably more economical means of transport than the sailing ship and that freightage will be correspondingly cheaper. The advantages of economy are made possible by a reduction of man power compared with that required for the manipulation of sailing boats and a reduction also in working cost (the renewal of sails in the sailing boat was always a considerable item).

"Even if the most extravagant claims put forward on behalf of the 'rotor' are realised," said an official of a shipping firm to a "China Mail" representative yesterday afternoon, "the result will not be a revolutionary change in sea transport. It may mean that a certain amount of sea trade will be done which, by reason of the high cost of freightage, had been out of the question before, but it will take away trade from nothing but the small coastal tramps. It should be a good thing too, to fit on to large private yachts."

According to a contemporary, however, a much more optimistic view of the immediate future of the "rotor" ship is held in Shanghai.

In an interview with officials of the steamship lines in Shanghai, a "Shanghai Times" reporter learned that plans on a large scale were being made in the engineering department of the steamship line in Hamburg whereby a fleet of these vessels will be placed on the China run as soon as the new invention is declared perfected.

"A Shanghai harbour with the enormous drums of the newly invented Rotor ships revolving in the wind, replacing the funnels of the modern steamship or the flying sheets of white canvas of the old-time sailing vessels, is to be expected in a comparatively short time if predictions of officials of the Hugo Stinnes China Company are correct."

Against this rather sweeping statement there is that of the "Times" special correspondent at Kiel who was on board the "Buckau" when it underwent its first public trial in Kiel Bight. This is the vessel with which the inventor (Herr Flettner) has been experimenting. "Rotor" ships, he states, "are purely sailing vessels, and must be constructed as such, with fine lines in order to obtain greatest speed on the wind. The 'Buckau' still lacks experience of stormy weather. Theoretically the force of a gale, when imposed on the revolving towers, should encounter far less resistance than on a spread of canvas, thereby causing a minimum loss of stability. But the action and effect of a confused sea, hurricane, or typhoon on the efficiency of the 'rotors' and the stability of the whole structure—the thickness of the towers is only two millimetres—remain entirely problematical."

"Experts confessed to me this morning that they lacked information and opportunity of drawing a comparison between the 'Buckau' and a sailing vessel of similar tonnage. Even according to the published estimates that 'rotor' towers extract 15 times as much energy from the wind as the same area of canvas, it is uncertain whether ships of the 'Buckau' type are suited for practical employment in ocean traffic. In the Mediterranean and the

CHINESE FIGHT.

POSITION IN THE FRENCH CO-CESSION.

INFLUX OF REFUGEES.

SUN'S TROOPS CONTROL NATIVE CITY.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, January 12.

The native city, the Kiangnan arsenal, and the Lungchow Yamen are now firmly in the dual control of Sun Chuan-fang and Chib Selh-yuan.

Between Sunday night and this morning the bulk of Chang Yuen-ming's forces, about 40,000, entered the French Co-cession and surrendered themselves. Temporary camps have been established for them.

Looting occurred in the native city, where Sun's troops are in control, and the refugee influx into the Settlement and French Co-cession is increasing owing to the fear of further excesses.

CRIME WAVE.

SPECIAL POLICE PRECAUTIONS.

SEARCH SYSTEMS.

Anticipating China New Year.

No pains have been spared by the Police in their effort both to prevent crime and to round up criminals in these trying times just before Chinese New Year.

To some it may seem futile to lock the stable door after the horse has flown, but the steps taken after an armed robbery, which really amount to spreading a cordon round the scene of the crime, have proved successful on more than one occasion.

Take, for instance, the raid at the Telegraph Bay village on Sunday night. As soon as the Police were informed, patrols were sent out to all the main highways to search passers-by and a Police launch stayed out in the

vicinity, on the *qui vive* for suspicious craft, till the next morning.

Yesterday and last night, police were particularly busy searching one and all in every district. Here a detachment of Chinese detectives would hold up pedestrians and subject them to a most careful search, with a European officer standing a little distance back.

Elsewhere a sergeant would be concealed on the pavement to carry out the same precautions. Even an Indian constable on point duty at the Central Market entered into the spirit of the thing and searched pedestrians as opportunity offered.

On the water-front and at the wharves, vigilance has been increased. Even in the small hours of the night, detectives were prowling around, both in the main streets and the darker lanes.

Evidently, the Police believe in attack being the best defence. From what was seen by a "China Mail" reporter at various intervals and in different parts of the town yesterday and last night, it seems that evil characters will be hard pressed should they set out on any nefarious enterprise.

From the European point of view, the most pleasing feature of this campaign to eradicate, or at least to cope with, China New Year crime, is that the Chinese are putting up with the slight inconvenience of being held up now and again, in the interests of public peace.

That these searches are useful is evident from the shooting down and the capture by a Chinese officer of a man who was alleged to have been in possession of a dagger.

Nevertheless, it has been impossible to preserve a clean sheet. Unsettled conditions in the neighbouring provinces have driven a much larger number of bad characters into the Colony and yesterday, the Criminal Intelligence Department had two occurrences to deal with.

An attempted armed robbery by eight or ten men at Wyndham Street yesterday did not meet with success as the gang dispersed on scenting danger. They had just gagged and bound a woman and her husband at the basement of No. 39 before proceeding to ransack the place, when shouting close by scared the robbers away. The people who were bound were later released by an Indian.

At the apartment of a Chinese accountant at No. 100, Ap Lei Street, Shamshui, a gang of five men managed to get away yesterday with money and clothing amounting to \$651. Three of the robbers held up the inmates with the help of a revolver and two daggers, whilst their confederates collected the booty.

FALL TO DEATH.

WELL-TO-DO CHINESE KILLED.

CHINA BUILDING TRAGEDY.

Falling a distance of over a hundred feet, a respectably dressed Chinese met his death last night by either jumping or falling from the top floor of China Building into Queen's Road Central.

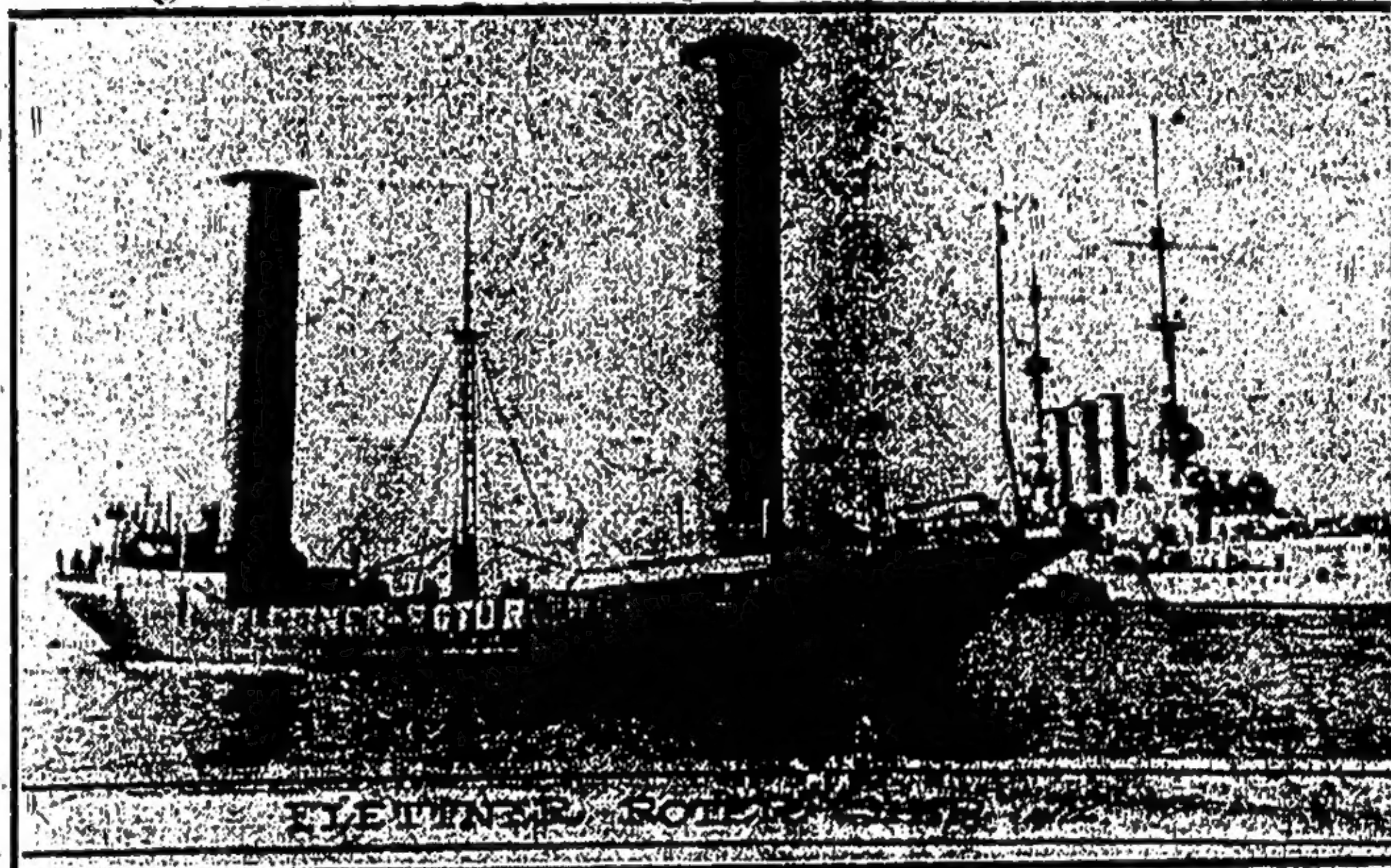
About three o'clock this morning, a European sergeant was going his rounds when he came upon the body.

The identity of the deceased has not been established. He was dressed in a Chinese long silk gown and white silk trousers and appeared to be about thirty-five years of age.

It is thought that the man committed suicide.

The top floor of China Building is used by the South China Restaurant Co. whose premises are closed long before the hour of three in the morning.

SHALL WE SEE THIS SAILING INTO OUR HARBOUR?



Here is shown the sailless sailing ship built by the German engineer, Anton Flettner, which has proved the marine sensation of the year. It is shown in Kiel harbour. Instead of sails, Flettner uses two revolving towers, smooth and capped at each end to assure the formation of a perfect vacuum. There is no propeller whatever, but the towers are revolved by a small Diesel engine. Only the position of the towers on the ship and the rudder control its direction of travel. Momentum is given by the pressure of wind from an angle on the revolving towers, whose effective speed is regulated to correspond to the velocity of the wind.

Baltic types of 'rotor' ships might prove a paying proposition, if a sufficient increase over the speed of existing sailing vessels could be guaranteed. That is not, however, to predict any necessary change in the proportion between sail and steam tonnage.

"In regard to the application of 'rotors' as an auxiliary to the engines or motors of big ships, I was told by representatives of British shipping companies that in the present state of knowledge about the properties of 'rotors' no projects of this kind can have immediate practical importance. The experiments conducted with model vessels in the tanks of a Göttingen laboratory have led to the successful conversion of the 'Buckau' for 'rotor' motion. But the mathematical principles and formulae which should determine 'rotor' construction have hardly, as I understand, yet been discovered. In these circumstances it was not surprising that practical shipping men, recalling that every inch of deck space in a modern 10,000-ton freight carrier, the type of ship to which owners attach primary importance, is of value, should have wondered how to accommodate additional 'rotor' towers of the necessary size and number on a vessel, when they saw the two 40-ft. towers whose bases extended from beam to beam on the 680-ton 'Buckau.'"

FASCISTS AMOK.

MUSSOLINI'S LATEST METHOD.

NO SECRET SOCIETIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, January 12.
A further step in the campaign for the consolidation of Fascism was taken to-day, Signor Mussolini introducing in the Chamber a Bill directed against secret societies, including Freemasons, forbidding public officials to belong to secret societies, and compelling them to divulge the constitution, rules, etc., of such organisations.

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"LANDS" BONUS.

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OPIUM CONFERENCE.

VISCOUNT CECIL TO GO TO GENEVA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 12.
It is officially announced that Viscount Cecil replaces the Marquess of Salisbury on the Opium Conference. The latter is satisfactorily progressing, but is unable to attend the opening on January 19.

INFORMAL MEETING.

Geneva, January 12.
An informal meeting of the second Opium Conference unanimously approved of an adjournment until January 19 in conformity with Great Britain's request.

A motion proposed by the Japanese delegate, authorising the President to despatch a message to the Marquess of Salisbury expressing hopes for his speedy recovery, was received with acclamation.

"OUTLAW" SEAMEN.

GOVERNMENT MOVE IN MELBOURNE.

ORDER BY JUDGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, January 12.
Mr. Justice Powers has made the order indicated on January 10 with a proviso that if sufficient men attend the mercantile marine offices, dockyards will be temporarily made picking up places.

The Federal Attorney-General has applied to the Court for de-registration of the Seamen's Union.

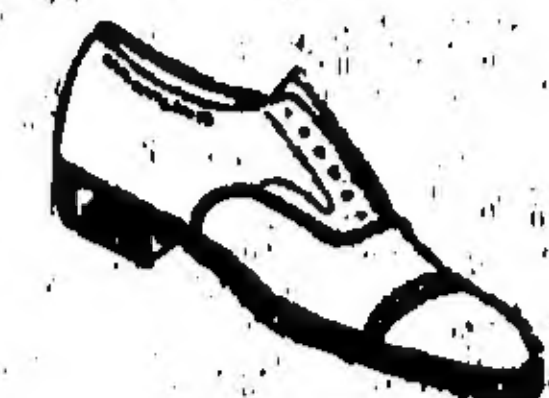
Mr. Stanley Bruce, Prime Minister, in a speech supporting the application, said that the paralysis of the shipping trade necessitated definite action. The seamen's action was tantamount to war on the whole community; they had thereby outlawed themselves from trade unionism. He felt confident that the community and an overwhelming majority of trades unions would uphold the Government's action.

Meanwhile, the Sydney Waterside Workers' Federation has called off members working four steamers because returned soldiers were engaged to handle the cargoes.

[A Melbourne message of January 10 stated:—The Arbitration Court, convened by the Officers of Justice with a view to settling the shipping dispute, has adjourned until January 12. The Judge indicated he would make an order on the lines of the shipowners' suggestion that mercantile marine offices at all ports should be used as "picking up places."]

Paris, January 11.—"Le Matin" announces that a young French engineer has invented an apparatus by means of which radio telegrams can be printed instead of read at sound.—Havas.

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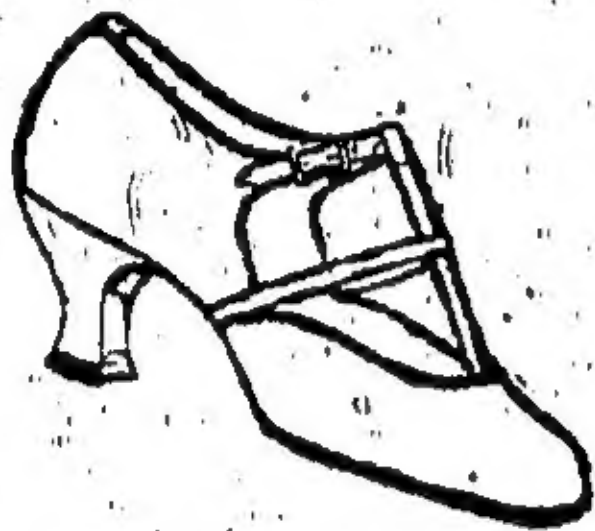
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"something in Chinese." With
true British humanitarian in-
stincts Mr. Arnold could not sit
down at the telephone until such
time as someone could be fished
up with a knowledge of English;
but, accompanied by his son, pro-
ceeded with revolvers and rifles
to the scene of the attack by the
armed robbers. As was disclosed
in our report of the incident a
clever ruse—firing over the heads
of the gang—was responsible for
the sudden exit of the robbers and
the restoration of peace.

Meanwhile, where were the
Police? What did the Chinese
clerk at Police Headquarters
make of the message he received
so urgently over the telephone?
Was it a case of "Put back the
receiver if you don't understand
the language?" And what would
have been the feelings of the
Police if the incident at Telegraph
Bay had culminated—as it might
well have—in the assassination of
both Mr. Arnold and his son and
in the village being thoroughly
"avaged" and the inhabitants mur-
dered by the band of terrorists?

These are not idle queries by
any means. What is more, they
deserve an answer of such an
nature as to indicate that an
official inquiry will be made into
the whole circumstances. At any
time of the day or night it might

be necessary for a European who
does not speak Chinese to com-
municate by telephone with the
Police under the same conditions as
"Mr. Arnold." But the con-
fidence of the purely English-
speaking community will be sadly
shaken if they are to conclude
that, whatever the urgency of the
message, it is absolutely futile to
use the telephone as a means of
sending a "S.O.S." to Police
Headquarters.

The instance quoted by Mr.
Arnold is not a solitary one, as
he informs us in his letter pub-
lished in our issue of yesterday
that about seven months ago he
telephoned to the Central Police
Station that his chauffeur had
nearly murdered his wife, but he
had to ring about ten times and
wait about an hour before he got
a European officer to reply.
There was time within that hour
for the chauffeur's wife and Mr.
Arnold himself and his whole
household to be actually—and not
nearly—murdered by the assail-
ant before the Police were ap-
prised of the incident and had
time to send a posse of police to
the gory scene.

At a moment when armed rob-
bers are getting more and more
dangerous and bold, when Euro-
peans as well as Orientals may be
in jeopardy, it is certainly the
duty of the Police authorities to
ensure that any message received
in English over the telephone is
promptly responded to in the
same language. Mr. Arnold is to
be commended for his action in
calling public attention to the
matter. It is outside the cate-
gory of an individual grievance.
The public have the right to the
fullest protection that the Police
can give, and it is essential that
they should also have the fullest
confidence that such protection
will be forthcoming when re-
quired, irrespective of whether
any particular clerk at Police
Headquarters is unacquainted
with even the elements of the
English language. Obviously the
responsibility of such a post calls
for the placing on duty, within
range of the telephone, of a clerk
who can speak and understand
both English and Chinese. The
public will be glad to learn, with-
out any unreasonable delay, that
the Police authorities have acted
on the hint to assist them in their
own work and to afford the
utmost protection to the com-
munity.

"Rotor" Ships.

"Rotor" ships are very much in
the public eye at present. From
the article appearing elsewhere in
this issue it would appear that it
must only be a matter of time
before there will be berthed in
Hongkong harbour freighters for
the Far Eastern run fitted
out in accordance with the prin-
ciples of this latest invention.
The equipment of the 680-ton
schooner "Buckau" with which
Herr Anton Flottner, the
inventor, has been experiment-
ing and the official trials of
which in December are said to

have satisfied critics that the
substitution of "rotors" for sails
in vessels up to 3,000 tons is a
practical possibility, consists of
"rotor" cylinders (large cylindri-
cal towers made of sheet iron,
which are revolved by small
electric motors). At the time that
the official trials were carried out
there was blowing an easterly
wind of 12 ft., a second, and the
"Buckau" with her rotors revolv-
ing near the maximum rate of 120
revolutions a minute, attained a
speed of five to six knots with a
free wind. The following four
manœuvres were executed:—
Tacking; sailing with free wind
to starboard; wearing; and sailing
with free wind to port. The
experiments of tacking and wear-
ing were carried out by stopping
and reversing one or other of the
"rotor" towers as the ship came
up into the wind, in exactly the
same manner as one would have
manipulated the fore and main
sails of a sailing vessel. The
towers were controlled from a
switch-board on the bridge of the
"Buckau" by Herr Flottner. They
stopped and re-started. It is
reported, with remarkable pre-
cision and rapidity, which must be
attributed to the efficient action
of roller bearings installed at the
base of each tower and of the
internal cones, which revolve the
towers. Such a freighter, equip-
ped with internal combustion
engines and utilising the revolv-
ing sails, is said to be able to
economise in fuel to the extent
of 60 per cent., given favourable
conditions and on routes not
favoured by constant winds to the
extent of 35 per cent.

OUR LIFEBLOOD.

**SHANGHAI AND THE
HARBOUR REPORT.**

"FIFTH-RATE LEVEL"

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MR.
DUNCAN'S SCHEME?**

Commenting on the recently
published Hongkong Harbour Re-
port, compiled by Mr. John Duncan
Port Engineer, "Shipping and
Engineering" (Shanghai) says:—

"But what of Shanghai, also one
of the world's greatest ports and
entrepôts? Here, too, there is a
great, a crying, need of develop-
ment, more urgent even than that
of Hongkong, with only the un-
remitting labours of the Whangpoo
Conservancy Board preventing the
port from falling to fifth-
rate level purely for want
of development of its harbour
and approaches. At the end of
1921 a commission of seven of the
world's greatest conservancy ex-
perts assembled here, and after a
thorough investigation, supple-
mented with a vast amount of data
painstakingly collected, compiled
and collated by the Conservancy
Board, submitted a scheme whereby
the port would be developed to
meet all probable requirements,
with the whole of the work
recommended being practically
self-supporting, and with no
call at all on the finances of the
world's greatest financial "juggle-
dom," Peking. The recommenda-
tions were submitted to Peking
three years ago, and that is the
last the public has heard of the
matter. Meanwhile, the Whangpoo
Conservancy Board carries on with
its invaluable work of keeping the
port and its approaches open to
navigation; but with a revival in
trade and the inevitable increase
in traffic, the labours of the Board
will not suffice for ever, and so
long as the authorities at Peking
procrastinate (though for what
reason is not in the last apparent,
as presumably they have no better
scheme of their own), so long will
Shanghai become progressively
more liable to fall from the
proud position which has been
won for it as one of the greatest
and wealthiest ports in the world."

HARBOUR TRAGEDY.

**SEQUEL TO FOUNDERING OF
JUNK.**

BODIES FOUND?

Yesterday, the master of the
junk which foundered one night
off Kennedy Town last week, was
reported to be raising his craft
from the harbour bottom.
It is also stated that four bodies
—those of the crew reported
missing—were found in the junk.
Going down suddenly in the
dark hours of the night, the master
and four of the crew escaped after
a trying ordeal. Four of the five
survivors could not swim and were
almost frozen to death whilst
clinging to a plank. The bodies
reported discovered are, presum-
ably, those of the four who could
not break their way out of the after
hold, in which they were sleeping
and must have been caught like
rats in a trap.

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OVERRULED.

POSSESSION OF HOUSES.

LANDLORDS SCORE

Two decisions made by Mr. A.
Dyer Ball as Puisne Judge in
regard to the possession of houses
by landlords were overruled at this
morning's Full Court of Appeal.
Mr. Dyer Ball had held that the
notice to quit was bad because
the landlords had not stated the
exact nature of the reconstruction
intended. Mr. Justice H. H. J.
Gompertz, however (sitting with
the Chief Justice, Sir Henry
Cowper Gollan) held this morning
that what was intended by the
Ordinance was not so much an
exact statement as a general
statement of the exact nature of
the reconstruction.

In the first case, which concern-
ed a row of six houses in Queen's
Road West, His Lordship said that
it had been agreed that the inten-
tion of the landlord was to pull
down the house completely except
the party walls at each end. Inside
these end walls a new building, to
be used as a restaurant, was to be
erected, complete in itself and
independent of the old party
walls.

Mr. Dyer Ball had held that
because these walls were to be left
standing the exact nature of the
reconstruction had not been
sufficiently stated, but he (His
Lordship) did not agree that there
was any obligation to give details
of floors, rooms and general living
accommodation resulting from
reconstruction.

"The legislature intended no
more than this," said His Lordship,
"that the possession of the tenant
was not to be disturbed for mere
structural alterations; he was not
to be turned out unless a new
building would be the result. That
was what the landlord intended in
the present case, and as informa-
tion to this effect was given to the
tenants by the notice the appeal
must be allowed."

Notice G. ad

The second case concerned pre-
mises at 59 Queen's Road West. Mr.
Dyer Ball had held that, by not
stating that the walls round the
open space at the back of the
house were to be left standing, the
landlord's notice to quit was bad
and possession could not be
granted.

In reversing this His Lordship
said that what was required was a
general statement of the exact
nature of what was intended. This
was what had been given in this
case.

Counsel in the first case were
Mr. Eldon Potter K.C. for the land-
lords; Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C. for
the tenants and in the second
Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the landlords;
Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C. for the
tenants.

LOST AT SEA.

**TWO DERELICT CRAFT
REPORTED.**

MONSOON VICTIMS?

Evidently, there have been
further casualties at sea on account
of the heavy monsoon prevailing
as two derelicts have been reported
by Java Lijn steamers.

At noon yesterday, the
"Tijmanvek" passed a junk, the
rudder of which had been smashed.
Its position was Lat. 24° 23' N. Long.
119° 00' E.

In a message to the local
Harbour Office, the steamer reports
"failed rescue crew." Any
attempts to take off the crew may
have been nullified by the high
seas running on account of the
North-East monsoon.

The "Tijmanvek" reports:—
"Passed a big raft in Lat. 8° 25'
N. Long. 120° 40' E. on January 11,
6:30 Greenwich mean time; dan-
gerous to navigation."

Explosive Ship Echo.
Two or three weeks ago, a
report reached Hongkong that a
steamer named the "Halphong"
bound for a French port with over
100 passengers—including a num-
ber of Europeans—some cargo and
several tons of explosive, had been
posted as missing.

Since then, there had been no
further news about the "Halphong."
Can the raft be connected with it?
The position indicated—near the
Philippines—is against the theory.

RECONCILED.

**HINDUS AND MOSLEMS AT
KOHAH.**

(Reuter's Service.)

Peshawar, January 12.
The Hindus and Moslems at
Kohat have signed a reconcilia-
tion agreement, satisfactorily
settling the disputes arising out
of the Kohat riots.

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ALLIED DEBTS.

**UNITED STATES ACCEPTS
AGREEMENT.**

BRITISH VIEW.

Payment Of Army Costs And
Reparations.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 12.
The American Government has
accepted the tentative agreement
reached in Paris between the
American representative and the
Allied Finance Ministers.

A Priority Charge.
Paris, January 12.
In view of the conflicting ver-
sions of the British-American
arrangement as regards payment
of the American Army costs and
reparations, an authoritative
British source states that, subject
to Washington's approval, it has
been agreed that the American
Army costs, amounting to a
quarter of a milliard dollars, will
be refunded as a priority charge
on the Dawes' annuities, at the
rate of \$2,000,000 gold marks
annually from September 1, 1926,
probably for twenty years.

As regards reparations America
will receive annually over the
whole period of the Dawes'
annuities 2 1/4 per cent. of the total
divisible among the Allies for
reparations, after various prior
charges have been met, the Allies'
percentages being correspondingly
reduced.

The total payable to America on
account of Army costs and repara-
tions will not exceed 87,000,000
gold marks in any year.

Full Agreement.

Later.
The Allied conversations took a
more definite form as the result
of the meeting this afternoon, at
which a full and final British-
American agreement was reached,
slightly modifying the previous
accord.

America now receives 50,000,000
gold marks annually on account of
Army costs, plus 2 1/4 per cent.
of reparations not exceeding
45,000,000 million gold marks
annually. She also obtains im-
mediate possession of \$15,000,000
deposited in the Federal Reserve
Bank under the Wadsworth agree-
ment.

COMMUNISTS' PERIL.

**FRENCH RINGLEADER
OUT.**

ENQUIRY TO FOLLOW.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 12.
M. Sadoul has been released
pending a supplementary enquiry
of the charges against him, fol-
lowing to-day's hearing at which
M. Sadoul expressed opinion that
he should not be tried for a de-
finite offence but for his political
opinions.

[The return to Paris on Decem-
ber 6 of M. Sadoul led to Com-
munist demonstrations in honour
of Krasin and intensified agita-
tion of the Press and in Parlia-
ment against the alleged growth
of Communist activities. There
were remarkable manifestations
thereof at Breton, a fishing port,
and at Douarnenez, where a strike
of fish-canneries was made the oc-
casion of Communist demonstra-
tions. The Mayor, M. Leflanche,
participated in one of them, wear-
ing a tri-colour scarf. In conse-
quence the Prefect of Finistère
took over the administration of
the town. M. Leflanche was
suspended and was charged at the
Police Court with inciting
rebellion. M. Herriot told the
Communist leader Cachin that
the Government was determined
to fight the Communist peril, sup-
press demonstrations and expel
foreign Communists who were
meddling with foreign politics.
M. Sadoul was arrested on Decem-
ber 7 and taken to Orleans, to be
court-martialled.]

BOXER INDEMNITY.

**BRITISH INDUSTRY TO GET
A HEARING.**

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 12.
As the result of representations
by the Federation of British
Industries, the Government has
agreed to nominate representa-
tives of industry and commerce
on the Advisory Committee with
reference to the allocation of the
British share of the Boxer Indem-
nity.

This announcement indicates a
change of front on the part of the
Government, which hitherto has
declined to appoint business
representatives.

A London cablegram of
December 5 stated:—The Federa-
tion of British Industries has re-
quested Mr. Chamberlain to ap-
point representatives of indus-
trial interests on the Committee
shortly to be established to decide
the method of allocating the
Boxer Indemnity.]

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There was a representative gathering of the Portuguese community at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Saturday afternoon when Mr. Luiz A. Gutierrez, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, was married to Miss Anizila Maria Lopes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. J. Lopes, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. Father Rossi, with Father Riganti at the organ. The bride wore a gown of beaded georgette with a silver lace train and was given away by her father. The three sisters of the bridegroom and two sisters of the bride attended her as bridesmaids with Miss R. Lamm as flower girl. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Mr. F. M. N. de Almeida and Mr. F. M. N. de Almeida acted as witnesses. A reception was afterward held at the Club Lusitano, whilst a family dinner was served in the evening at the house of the bridegroom. The wedding cake was supplied by the Hongkong Hotel.

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FUTURE OF CHINA.

WELL-KNOWN JOURNAL.

CHANG AND WU PEI-FU.

Chang Tso-lin, the autocrat of Manchuria, has left Peking, writes Percival Landon in the "Daily Telegraph." He did not go alone. A series of trains accompanied him to Tientsin, carrying his entire staff, his bodyguard, and the four battalions of infantry which had attended him to the capital. It seems that he has summoned from Manchuria or from positions along the railway line between Peking and Tientsin, sufficient troops to deal with the malcontent Christian general, Feng Yu-hsiang. It will be within the memory of readers that Feng, who was the general in command of the Peking district, and whose headquarters were within a mile or two of the southern gates of the capital, deserted his chief, Wu Pei-fu, at a critical moment. He occupied Peking—which was a matter of no difficulty for him, drove out the President Tsao K'un, expelled the young Emperor from the Forbidden City, and then confidently awaited the gratitude and support of Chang Tso-lin, his late master's enemy. For the moment he impressed shallow observers with the strength of his position as being for the time—as no doubt, he was—master of the capital. But, as I have had occasion to point out, the issue in China lies between two men, and two men only, and Feng Yu-hsiang is neither of them. It is true that Chang Tso-lin immediately took advantage of the treachery of the Christian general, and swept down from Manchuria into Chih-li. But he was under no delusion about Feng himself. As soon as he had secured control of the railway from Mukden to Tientsin, and from Tientsin to Peking he intimated to Feng that his services were no longer needed. Chang then set up Tuan Chi-jui as provisional President of China, and in so doing convinced the world once more of his pro-Japanese sympathies. He intimated to Feng that the presence of his troops round Peking was an embarrassment rather than a source of security, which was not in the least what Feng intended. And although the latter retired at once to the Western Hills, near the city, he set about recruiting his army on a larger scale.

Chang Tso-lin after his arrival in the capital recognised the danger of this move on the part of the Christian general, and has retreated from Peking to Tientsin. From a military point of view this was no doubt a prudent action. But it cannot be denied that by doing so he left the acting President, Tuan Chi-jui, in an extremely difficult position. It is possible that he has been given reason to believe that Feng now recognises his impotence, and is content to stand aside while the great issue on which depends the unity of China is fought out between the only two men in the country who really count. That is to say, the long rivalry between Chang Tso-lin, War Lord of Manchuria in the North, and Wu Pei-fu, War Lord of Loyang in the South, has now to be decided. One of those men, and only one, will become the arbiter of the fate of his country. The board is cleared. Feng's action in deserting his chief, Wu Pei-fu, was not merely disloyal; it was eminently unwise. He had under his command an excellent and well-trained force of 35,000 men, and it is admitted by all that the severe morality and discipline which he has insisted upon in his divisions has given to his men a military strength which is probably possessed by no other individual bodies in China except the famous Third and Tenth Divisions, which are devoted body and soul to Wu Pei-fu of Loyang. Exactly what Feng's intentions were it is too early to form an opinion. It is, however, obvious that in attempting to sell his influence to his chief's enemy he committed one of those unpardonable acts of treachery which are recognised as readily by the Oriental as by ourselves, and will, moreover, go far to discredit the faith of Christianity among a people that prides itself upon a scrupulous sense of honour.

Feng's Star Waning. No anxiety should be felt about the position of foreigners in Peking, even if Feng should reassume direction of the capital in the temporary absence of Chang Tso-lin. His star is waning, and he is more likely to endeavour to secure his own safety by the conciliation of foreigners than by any action against them. The Manchu Emperor is now sheltered in the Japanese Legation. It is a matter of some significance that Feng should have attempted to drive him out of his own palace in the Forbidden City, and that his Majesty should have been invited to return by the Anfu Acting President, Tuan Chi-jui. It is even more significant that, when

released from the house of his father, Prince Chun, the Emperor, declined to return to his Imperial quarters, and took refuge at once, not, as perhaps might have been expected, in the British, but in the Japanese Legation.

Meanwhile, in the South, Wu Pei-fu is consolidating his position. He is a soldier of a kind that is uncommon in the East. He is quiet, cautious, untiring, and almost omniscient. He leaves no stone, either military or political, unturned to secure his ends. He has the power not only of waiting for the right moment, but of instilling the same "invaluable patience" into the hearts of his colleagues. He is a man of great scholarly distinction, and, above all, he understands his people, the Chinese, better than any foreigner has ever understood them. No one knows better than Wu Pei-fu that scarcely one in five of his people have ever really understood that the old Imperial monarchy has been abolished. And it is not believed that, should he arrive at absolute power, he would be unwise enough to commit the mistake of Yuan Shi-kai and attempt to place himself upon the Dragon throne; nor, on the other hand, would he allow the present farce of republicanism to continue. The Chinese Parliament, committed suicide when, last year, the whole of its members were bribed, openly bribed, with a cynicism to which no constitutional Government has ever been able to offer a parallel, to vote for Tsao-kun as President of the Republic.

The Chinese Wokeley.

Wu Pei-fu will have none of this. In one of the long and interesting conversations which I have had with this Chinese Wokeley, I asked him what his opinion was of the collaboration between the Executive and the people. He replied by his favourite method of drawing towards him two sheets of paper. On the first he painted a quotation from Confucius. He gave it to the interpreter, who explained that the meaning was: "In any great action it is well to take into consideration the interests of the people." On the second piece of paper he drew with the same exquisite calligraphy another quotation from the great master, and handed that also to the interpreter. It read thus: "It is not always necessary to inform the people of what you are about to do." It would be difficult to sum up Wu Pei-fu's loyalty to the Chinese and at the same time his military prudence, better than in these two quotations.

Against this man is ranged Chang Tso-lin, the autocrat of Manchuria. For the last two years he has been engaged in preparing a revenge for the defeat which was inflicted upon him by Wu Pei-fu in 1922. It was not a final, nor, indeed, a very effective, defeat. But it was enough to drive Chang's troops and Chang's influence out of Chih-li. Wu made no attempt to continue the pursuit beyond the Great Wall, and it is probable that Manchuria to this day is scarcely aware of the failure of its chief. But Chang Tso-lin himself is well aware of it; and he has bided his time to recover the "face" which he lost during this retreat. It is difficult to estimate the exact amount of support that he is now receiving from Japan and from France. But his equipment in money and aeroplanes is enough to prove that he has been receiving no inconsiderable help from both quarters. Moreover, there have been transferred to his charge the munitions of all kinds of an entire French army corps which had been sent to Vladivostok for the support of the White Russians, and which, as a matter of fact, had scarcely been touched before the Red Russians entered the town—only to find that these precious stores had already been evacuated.

In person Chang Tso-lin is a small, quiet man, with beautiful hands and an ingratiating manner. His voice possesses the silkiest note in Asia. But no one who has made his acquaintance can have any doubt of the personal ascendancy which Chang possesses over Mukden and his three provinces. Courteous as he is now to the foreigners whom he occasionally consents to receive, his authority is absolute. He does not pretend to be literary. His origins are obscure, but his early connection with the Hunghuise brigands is on record. He is a sportsman, and in his private study at his headquarters in Mukden are to be seen stuffed Manchurian tigers of an almost incredible size. One chestnut-coloured beast, by my own measurement, was 12 ft. in length.

Between these two men, Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin, the future of China has to be fought out. The former may be hampered by disloyalties among the Southern Tschuns; the latter may find difficulty not only with his enemy, Red Russia, but with his friend, Japan. But it cannot be emphasised too strongly that these are the two men, and the only two men, that are worth considering in China at this moment. It is a curious fact that whilst

CHINESE BATTLE.

PROBABLE ATTACK ON SOOCHOW.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Jan. 11. Yesterday's fighting came as a great surprise to Shanghai people. The Chi Hsiang-yuan has since his flight from Nanking been living in the Shanghai Settlement, apparently eliminated, but last week he quietly brought up troops, left house in the Settlement on Saturday night and went to Chupai where he threw his Sixth and Nineteenth Divisions into the attack on Chang Yuen-ming, while Sun Chuan-fang marched up from Hanchuang.

Chang Yuen-ming's troops occupied the arsenal a few days ago without fighting, and the main fighting yesterday was round the Arsenal.

During the fighting yesterday afternoon, one French marine was wounded in the leg by a stray bullet.

THE NEXT FIGHT.

Considerable numbers of General Chang's troops entered the Settlement peacefully and were disarmed. The remainder of his forces are scattered. General Chi Hsiang-yuan and Sun Chuan-fang now apparently completely control this district, and it is understood that they intend marching forthwith to attack Soochow, where one division is stationed who were formerly Chi Hsiang-yuan's men but are now considered Li Yung-hsiang's adherents. If Chi Hsiang-yuan is successful at Soochow, as anticipated, he will then advance towards Nanking.

LOOTING IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, January 12. There was some looting by Chang Yuen-ming's scattered soldiers in the Chinese city this morning, but it was not serious, the police being mostly able to control the situation there. Two companies of Volunteers were demobilised this afternoon; two others are still standing by. The panic mentioned last evening was only among sightseers, who went out to Skikow to witness the fighting and who were somewhat scared when shots whistled near. Shanghai is mostly tranquil throughout.

WAS IT INSPIRED?

Peking, January 12. Public opinion, both foreign and Chinese, appears to be divided regarding the significance of the hostilities which have broken out near Shanghai; some thinking it merely of local importance, while others believe it probably inspired by a general resumption of war.

Exponents of the latter view point out that the fighting is synchronous with Chang Tso-lin's departure from Tientsin for Mukden, and the continual recruiting on the part of Feng Yu-hsiang, Sun Yueh and Hu Ching-yi, and the fact that Hsiao Yau-ming's appointment as Tupan of Hupai is intended to check Chi Ching-yi's march to Hankow, where he intended to take over the Hanyang arsenal.

On the other hand, official circles are not greatly agitated over the Shanghai situation, asserting that Lu Yung-hsiang was instructed to take the necessary measures to enforce his authority and there is no real danger of Feng Yu-hsiang striking while a portion of the Fengtien troops is engaged in Kiangsu.

It is reported to-day that Feng has applied for another month's leave which does not tend to clear up the situation.

FELL IN STREET.

VISCOUNT YOUNGER'S SEIZURE.

While Viscount Younger was on his way from the offices of his firm, George Younger and Son (Limited), brewers, Aloa, to the railway station he suddenly collapsed, and falling on the street, received bruises on the face.

When picked up, he was unconscious and bleeding, and was at once carried into the County Buildings, where first-aid was rendered. Dr. Wilson was soon on the spot and was successful in bringing Lord Younger round. He was afterwards motored home to Leekie.

On his arrival the Viscount had considerably recovered.

Japan—and therefore Chang Tso-lin—is openly anxious to restore the monarchy, Wu Pei-fu is probably equally indisposed to allow the present futile régime to continue. The Emperor is, for the moment, only a pawn in this great game. What he may be hereafter, no one can tell. But it may be assumed with certainty that neither he nor the acting President, Tuan Chi-jui, nor the Christian General, Feng Yu-hsiang, nor above all Sun Yat-sen, is now playing or will play any part in Chinese affairs until the great question of the ultimate predominance of either Wu Pei-fu or of Chang Tso-lin is settled by the sword. There is no room for both of these men in China.

A SAD LOSS.

FAMOUS SAIL SHIP PASSES.

"LANCING'S" LAST VOYAGE.

Lovers of the old tall ships, and happily their name is still legion, will feel a sad sense of personal loss in the news from Androssan that the famous four-masted fully-rigged ship "Lancing" has been sold in that port and is to make her last voyage to Italian ship-breakers, says the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce." She has had a long innings, but the North Atlantic will somehow not seem quite the same without a chance of meeting her wonderful spread of canvas ploughing along at steamship speed. Excepting always the "Cutty Sark," it is doubtful if there is a more famous sailing ship afloat than the "Lancing." She was built by Messrs. Napier, of Glasgow, in 1865, and at that time was the steamship "Pereire," of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, the first screw liner that the great French company possessed. An iron screw barge of 3,160 tons, she was given three-cylinder compound engines which gave her a service speed of thirteen knots, and which reduced her average passage from Havre to New York by fifteen per cent, as compared with the old paddlers. In the early seventies she was given new engines, and in 1881, while on charter to the Mediterranean, she put into Goletta with a serious fire on board. So rapidly did it get a hold on her that she had to be torpedoed in order to extinguish it, and getting her up again was difficult.

Conversion To Sail. In 1889 she was purchased by the London firm of A. E. Kinnear & Co. and converted into a four-masted full-rigged ship under the name of "Lancing," her engines being removed, but the original midship tank for nearly 1,200 tons of water-ballast being retained. In 1893 an extraordinary case came before the courts, when the Liverpool Towing Company sued for overdue towing charges due to the tune of £34, and very nearly got an order to sell the ship for this debt. The judge remarked that he was glad the money was eventually paid, as it was an extraordinary thing to sell a three thousand-ton ship for a debt of under £100. In the same year she was sold to J. Bryde, of Sandefjord, Norway, but retained her original name. As a rule her passages under sail have been magnificent, and she is one of the most consistent performers known, but one of her earliest trips from Calcutta to New York with jute and other inflammable cargo was a very long one, and five guineas per cent. was paid for her on the overdue market. After three years under the Norwegian flag she was purchased by Mr. F. Ross, of Quebec, in 1896, and returned to the Red Ensign. In 1901 she was again purchased by Norway, a Christiania firm giving her 26,500 for her, and having every reason to be glad of their bargain. Two years later she was again on the overdue market, with ten guineas per cent., but turned up quite safely. In 1907 she was put on to the job of carrying wood for cotton reels across the Atlantic to Androssan, and with short intervals has been on this work ever since. One of the only serious accidents that she had was in 1914 when she had a collision in leaving Leith, and had to discharge her coal cargo, while her hull was repaired.

Some Remarkable Performances. We have mentioned her long passages and the two occasions on which she gave cause for anxiety, but her great performance has been in short runs. Her best was in 1916, when she ran from the Eastern point of Newfoundland to her landfall in the North of Scotland in 6 days 18 hours, a magnificent performance. From Halifax to the Clyde in 15 days, from Matane to Queenstown in 14 days, and from Cape Race to Tory Island in 12 days were among the remarkable runs of her later career, while in the old days she did several passages from Great Britain to Valparaiso in and under a hundred days, her best being from Leith in ninety. In 1910 she left Rotterdam for the St. Lawrence, loaded a cargo of sawn timber, and got back to Androssan in eighty-one days, including the time wasted in port, the actual Eastward passage taking only thirteen days. There are many other similar passages to her credit which are often discussed by sailing-ship lovers, but this year she has been running with her royal yards on deck, and has had no chance of showing her old form.

Her passing will be a real loss to shipping, for unlike most big four-masted ships she is a graceful vessel, and from her lines few people would think that she had once been a steamship. In those days, however, the appearance of a steamer counted for much, and with nobody more than the Clyde-side builders.

BAD CHARACTERS.

SEQUEL TO POLICE RAID.

An insight into the continual alleged bad characters was gleaned yesterday afternoon, at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Out of twenty-five men and four women arrested at No. 122, Woosung Street, Yau-mat, on the morning of December 29, five men were brought up on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, charged with possession of tape and wine-cups for an unlawful purpose—and arms and ammunition.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy described the raid by Sergeant Tyler and a posse of Chinese detectives. When examined in hospital, one man who was alleged to have fired at the Police, was found to have fifteen bullet holes in his body.

No case was made out against two of the men and they were discharged; the other three were remanded.

Mr. H. C. Lee defended two of the accused and Mr. D. McCallum another.

DISTILLERY CASE.

TECHNICALITIES BEAT INTERPRETER.

The case in which the licensee of the Fook Cheung wine distillery and a man named Wong Ki were charged with defrauding the Government by furnishing an alleged false return and distilling after hours was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The second accused was cross-examined at length by Mr. White Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor). The large quantity of fermenting mash found on the premises, which pointed to more than 32 jars being distilled a day as shown by the books, was explained by witness to be due to the fact that the mash was allowed to accumulate for several days.

Proceeding to describe the distilling process, a difficulty arose as the interpreter admitted that he was beaten by the technical terms. A trial was made with another clerk, but this also failed, and the point had to be given up.

Continuing, the second accused denied the alleged removal of 150 jars of wine to another distillery. He also denied that the lights were burning when the Revenue Officers arrived.

The case was adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

WITHIN THE LAW.

Marriage as a unique means of obtaining revenge is employed by Norma Talmadge as the heroine in the powerful First National picture "Within the Law," the current First National hit at the Queen's Theatre this week.

But it isn't any revenge against her unsuspecting lover that Mary Turner, played by Miss Talmadge, seeks; her wrath is aimed at Dick's father, Edward Gilder, for having caused her to serve a crime she did not commit.

The stigma follows her out of prison and she turns adventuress, specialising in breach of promise suits. She takes advantage of an opportunity that presents itself when she meets Dick Gilder following a faked drowning. He succumbs to her wiles and they are married. But Mary's "revenge" loses its flavour when she discovers she loves her husband.

Jack Mulhall plays the rôle of Dick Gilder, the husband.

A COLD COUNTRY.

SCENES IN "THE YELLOW STAIN."

They were talking about how cold it could be in northern Michigan. The discussion arose when John Gilbert, star of "The Yellow Stain," the Fox picture which opens at the Star Theatre to-night, told some friends that certain scenes of his newest picture were laid up there. A number of tales were unfolded. Gilbert was a good listener. At last he tried one of his own. Said he: "I've seen it so cold in northern Michigan that the whistles on the railroad engines could not toot. One day when I was on a trip the weather became milder, and I heard a lot of shrill whistles coming from the engine. Finally we came to a station, and the train stopped. Still the whistle shrieked. 'With some other passengers, I went up to see what was there, too. He had put a question to the engineer, when the latter, an old fellow on the road, said: 'There ain't nothin' wrong. This happens every spring thaw. The sound gets fizz up in the whistle during the winter, and as soon as the weather warms a mite, all the tootin' begins to come out. It's all right, you can go back, and feel safe.'"

Right there the party broke up. Gilbert had won by a mile.

AMERICAN CHANGES.

WHY HUGHES RESIGNED.

LONDON, January 12. Tributes, couched in the most generous terms are paid to Mr. Hughes on his retirement, by all papers, which describe him as undeniably a big statesman, who has made for himself an honoured place. He is recognised as having been the real promoter of the Washington Conference and to have done much to secure America's intervention in the reparations' difficulties.—Reuter.

FRENCH OPINIONS.

PARIS, January 12. Pertinax, writing in "L'Echo de Paris," expresses the opinion that Mr. Hughes resigned because he was inclined to participate in European affairs in disagreement with Mr. Coolidge and the Senate. "Le Petit Journal" declares that Mr. Kellogg has striven for years to achieve a common British-American policy. Mr. Kellogg's assumption of office will probably mean consolidation and development of the British-American entente.

"Le Journal" interprets the resignation of Mr. Hughes and the appointment of Mr. Kellogg as meaning that the United States recognises in regard to the Dawes plan that it cannot participate in European affairs without entanglement therein.—Reuter.

VACANT AMBASSADORSHIP.

WASHINGTON, January 12. The American Ambassador at Berlin, Mr. Houghton, now appears to be the most favoured candidate for the London Ambassadorship. His appointment will accord with the policy of promotions adopted by the Administration.

It is understood that President Coolidge is anxious to retain Mr. Herrick in the French Ambassadorship, which is regarded as the most important after the British, owing to Mr. Herrick's grasp of French affairs.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Kellogg, the present Ambassador, succeeds Mr. Charles E. Hughes, as American Secretary of State.]

Japanese Opinion.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

TOKIO, January 12.

Mr. Charles Hughes's resignation is only commented on so far by the *Asahi*, which expresses regret, but regards it as an inevitable result of President Coolidge's progressive policy.

The paper does not think that any substantial changes will be made by Mr. Kellogg, unless approximating to a move to the Soviet, but says that Japan is grateful to Mr. Hughes for his unwavering friendship.

FINANCE CONFERENCE.

COMPROMISE SATISFACTORY.

LONDON, January 12. Comment on the Allied agreement is generally restrained, pending clarification of the position, but the compromise reached is considered quite satisfactory as far as it goes.

The "Times" says that it will be a definite gain if the two main points on the agenda, namely, allotment of the Dawes scheme receipts and disposal of the proceeds of the Franco-Belgian Ruhr occupation, do not recur at a future conference.—Reuter.

PARIS, January 12.

"Le Matin" publishes an interview with M. Herriot (Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs), who said that the conference of Allied Ministers of Finance was carrying on its work under the most favourable conditions, and that the results would be certainly very valuable.—Havas.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Goods arrived per s.s. "Minsio" remaining undelivered after January 10, will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 13.—Coronet Theatre: "Roleta".

January 13.—Star Theatre: "The Yellow Stain".

January 13.—Queen's Theatre: "Within the Law".

January 13.—World Theatre: "The Love Pirate".

January 13, 15, 16, and 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m. January 14, and 21, matinee at 4.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.

January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

SPORTS.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

January 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, evening and afternoon gowns from Paris, embroidered lace and insertions, and white flannel, 11 a.m.

January 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, Army fannels and artificial silk, 11 a.m.

January 15.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

January 16.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 14.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's office room, noon.

January 17.—First ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd., at the City Hall, Hall, noon.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 13.—Meeting of members of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China at Sailors' Home, West Point, 5 p.m.

January 14.—Lecture on "Memory" at the H.K. Lodge Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.

January 22.—Extraordinary general meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on THURSDAY, January 22nd, 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of proposing a resolution to adopt the revised Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing as the Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing of the Club.

A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing may be inspected by members at the office of the Secretary upon application.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

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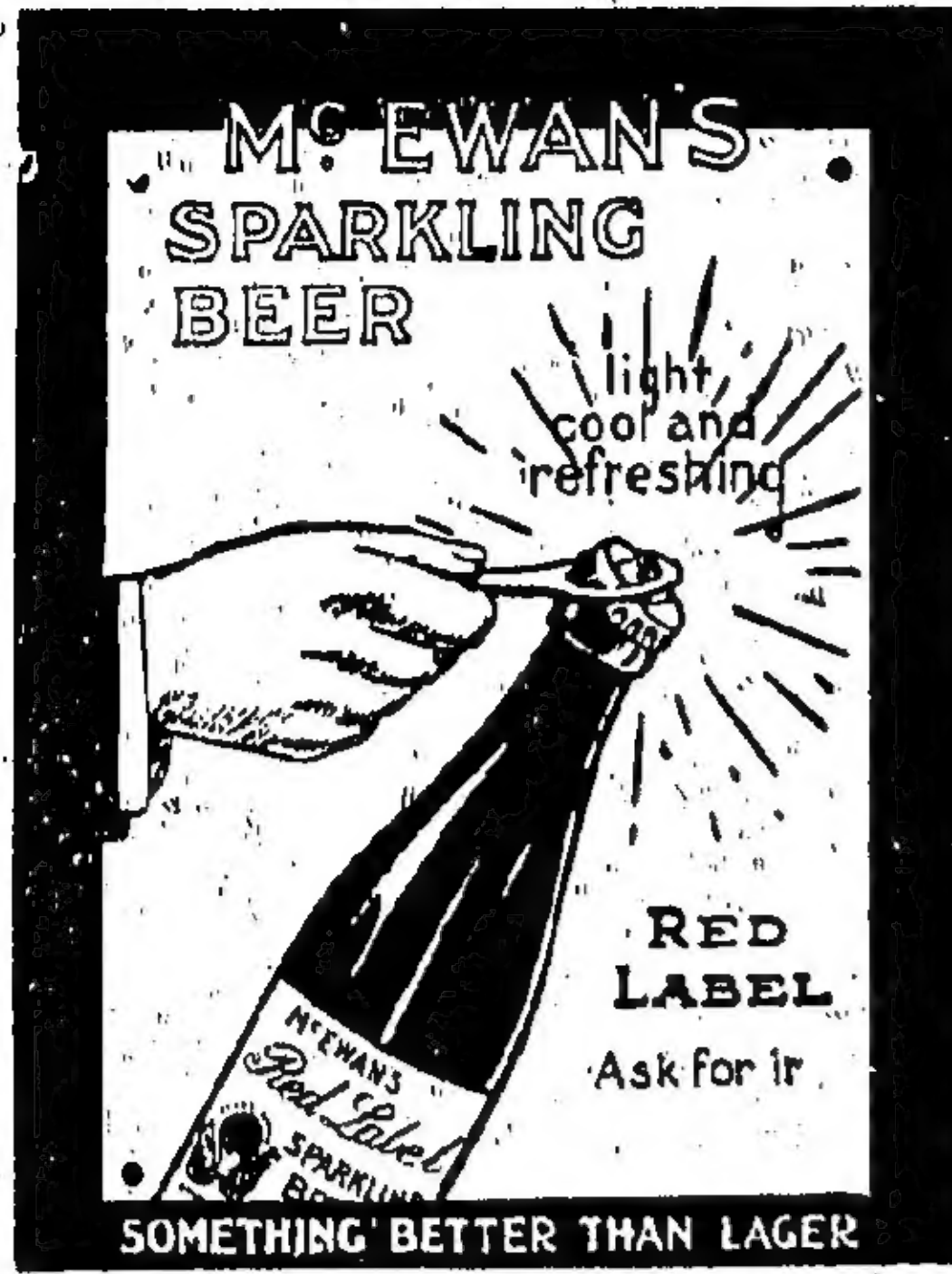
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Mrs. William Brandorff is the mother, by a previous marriage, of Richard Graf, for whose death Fritz Haarmann, the German "vampire" slayer, has confessed responsibility. Search for the missing youth was begun in 1923, after Otto, his brother, saw a barber wearing his brother's suit. The barber said he bought the suit from Hans Grans, Haarmann's accomplice, but Grans denied knowing anything of young Graf, and the matter was only recently cleared up.

Son's Name.



RUSSELL THAW

Efforts of Harry Thaw to secure a reconciliation with his divorced wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who is now running a cabaret in Atlantic City, having failed, the former Mrs. Thaw has announced her intention of fighting to secure the Thaw millions for her son, Russell, shown here in his latest photograph, whose parentage Thaw has steadfastly denied.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Count Guntbert Bernstorff & Premier Herriot. Below: Leon Trotsky & Leo Dittichstein.

Leon Trotsky, Soviet Minister of War, is seriously ill in Moscow and rumors persist he has been poisoned. London declares he is so greatly in fear for his life he maintains eight homes to dodge his enemies. Premier Edouard Herriot, of France, has been compelled to give up his duties until he recovers from an attack of grippe brought on by his drive against Communists and other foreign agitators. The public prosecutor of Frankfurt-a-Main, Germany, has issued a warrant for the arrest of Count Christian Guntbert von Bernstorff, son of the former Ambassador to the United States, charging perjury. Leo Dittichstein, one of the leading stars of the American stage, has been forced by ill health to quit the stage. He will make his future home in Italy.

POLICE SIGNAL RUM RUNNERS.



Above is a photographic illustration showing how as much as \$5,000,000 worth of liquor has been illicitly landed at Weehawken, New Jersey, where dishonest policemen are alleged to have worked hand-in-glove with the smugglers. At the right is the town hall of Weehawken, from the belfry of which a signal light was flashed when the police, with unusual daring, had actually cleared the streets of traffic so the liquor could be landed and transported in safety. The rum boats would then run into the docks and unload their cargoes. It is even alleged policemen aided in the actual unloading. Many indictments already have been returned.

Wants A Caveman.



MISS NATALIE HAMMOND

The declared belief of Dr. Kate Waller Barrett that girls should permit their mothers to select their husbands is absurd, in the opinion of Miss Natalie Hammond, daughter of John Hays Hammond, famous mining engineer. She asserts the most important matter that presents itself to the modern girl is to consider the mental make-up of the man she marries. What she wants is a caveman, but not in the popular sense. "I want a mental cave-man," she declares.

LADY ASTOR PAINTING BARRED.



DANIEL PAINTING

The painting of Lady Nancy Astor, first woman ever elected to Parliament, being introduced into the House of Commons by Lord Balfour and the former Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, which created a political furor when hung on a stairway leading to one of the committee rooms of the House of Commons, but which was permitted to remain by other governments, has been ordered to be removed by the Cabinet of Mr. Baldwin. The painting, by Charles Sims of the Royal Academy, was objected to because of a time-old tradition against hanging the picture of a living member.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Tyndareus" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 9 for this port and is due here to-day.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kamo Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Dec. 6 and is expected here to-day.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due here from Manila at 7 a.m. to-morrow and will berth at Buoy 12.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 8.30 p.m. left Nagasaki to-day at 11 a.m. and is due at Kobe to-morrow at 9 a.m.
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The B. F. s.s. "St. Companion" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 10 for this port and is due here on Jan. 16.
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Van Buren" which is due at this port on Jan. 19, sailed from San Francisco on Dec. 30 on schedule.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Jan. 1, and is due here on Jan. 16.
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The B. F. s.s. "Euryalus" left Liverpool on Dec. 31 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Jan. 24.
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Hayes" which is due at this port on Feb. 2, sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 3 on schedule.
The B. F. s.s. "Pa'raclous" left Liverpool on Jan. 3 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Daire and is due here on or about Feb. 4.
The B. F. s.s. "Rheana" left Liverpool on Dec. 27 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Feb. 10.
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